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SUBJECT:DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1976

1. FOLLOWING IS MY DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT.

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

DISCUSSED WITH HAROLD MALMGREN THE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON SHOE IMPORTS AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CONSULTING KEY CONGRESSMEN AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS ON THE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK. MALMGREN WARNS THAT WE CAN EXPECT SOME REPRISAL EFFORTS BY ADVOCATES OF SHOE IMPORT QUOTAS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING SENATOR LONG. MALMGREN, WHO NOW IS WORKING FOR LONG AND RIBICOFF ON A PART-TIME BASIS, WILL BE A GOOD FRIEND IN COURT ON THE IRB.

AMBASSADOR GHORBAL CAME IN TO DISCUSS MY VISIT TO EGYPT AND THE STATUS OF OUR EFFORTS TO HELP SADAT RAISE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM NON-ARAB SOURCES. HE USED THE OCCASION TO URGE GREATLY INCREASED PL-480

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ASSISTANCE AND SAID YOU AND SECRETARY BUTZ HAD INDICATED

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSITION. I AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES. I URGED HIM TO STIMULATE EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO GET FINANCING FROM THE EC AND AUSTRALIA ON THEIR GRAIN SALES TO EGYPT, WHICH CURRENTLY ARE ON A SPOT CASH BASIS.

AMBASSADOR RICHARD BLOOMFIELD CALLED ON ME BEFORE DEPARTING FOR QUITO. BLOOMFIELD IS GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ISSUES SUCH AS FISHING LICENSES AND MILITARY SALES ARE ON THE WAY TO RESOLUTION. ECUADOR'S POLICIES TOWARD GULF AND TEXACO MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH.

AMBASSADOR JACK KUBISCH CALLED TO DISCUSS GREECE. HE FEELS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP STEADY ON COURSE AND LET GREEK FEELINGS SUBSIDE OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER OUR OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE FORMER JUNTA AND OUR ALLEGEDLY "PRO-TURKISH" LEANINGS.

ED YEO CAME OVER TO DISCUSS STATE'S ROLE VIS A VIS TREASURY DEBT RESCHEDULING. I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN RESOLVE THIS STICKY ISSUE WITHOUT INVOLVING YOU AND SIMON.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: SMALL GROUP MEETING AND A DISCUSSION WITH FRED IKLE RE ACDA'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND WAYS IN WHICH D COULD BE SUPPORTIVE.

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